

Of course, in the end it is you who will make your own future. The people of Ukraine have it in their power to fulfill their oldest wishes and shape a very new destiny. To live up to that promise, to make the most of your role in this global economy in the information age, your ability to learn and learn and learn will be essential. And so I urge you to take to heart the words of Schevchenko, "Study my brothers, study and read, learn of foreign things, but don't forget that which is yours."

Our two nations are bound together by a common vision of freedom and prosperity. Together we shall make that vision real.

As the great poet of our democracy, Walt Whitman, wrote a century ago, "The strongest and sweetest songs yet remain to be sung." Those strong, sweet songs are of free people fulfilling their hopes and dreams; they are the songs of Ukraine's tomorrow.

God bless America. *Slava Ukraini*.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11 a.m. at the Volodymyrs'ka Street Plaza. In his remarks, he referred to student speakers Olexiy Meleshchuk, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy University, and Olena Sheveliova, Schevchenko University; Viktor Skopenko, rector, Schevchenko University; and Mayor Leonid Kosakivsky of Kiev. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 8

In the morning, the President participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, VA, commemorating the 50th anniversary of V-E Day.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Moscow, Russia. While en route to Moscow, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Jacques Chirac of France.

The President announced his intention to nominate Leo K. Goto to be a member of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board of Directors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marc B. Nathanson as a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for the International Bureau of Broadcasting.

May 9

Following their arrival in Moscow in the early morning, the President and Hillary Clinton went to the Kremlin where they participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. They then viewed the veterans parade at Red Square.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton toured the Central Museum of the Great Patriotic War at Poklonnaya Gora. Later in the afternoon, they attended a reception for U.S. veterans of World War II at the Radisson Slavjanskaya Hotel.

In the early evening, the President and Hillary Clinton toured the Novodevichy Convent. Following a reception for heads of state at St. George's Hall, they attended a state dinner hosted by President Boris Yeltsin of Russia at the Palace of Congresses in the Kremlin.

The President announced his intention to nominate John White to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

May 10

In the morning, the President met with President Yeltsin in St. Catherine's Room at the Kremlin.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a dinner in the Hall of Facets at the Kremlin.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 8-9.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe to the White House for an official working visit on May 18.

May 11

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton met with staff at the U.S. Embassy compound.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton toured a Coca-Cola plant. Following the tour, they traveled to Kiev, Ukraine, where the President met with President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine at Mariinsky Palace.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a state dinner hosted by President Kuchma at Mariinsky Palace.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael L. Beatty to be the U.S. Representative to the Western Interstate Nuclear Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

- Don Anselmi;
- Gregory Carr;
- David Cofrin;
- Susan Gelman;
- Mary C. Hansen;
- Gary Hindes;
- Sherry K. Jelsma;
- Michael Pannos; and
- Gail Rosene Smith.

The White House announced that the President has asked a delegation led by Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Hershel Gober, Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs James Wold to travel to Vietnam, May 13–16, and Laos, May 17–18, to facilitate the fullest possible accounting of American POW/MIA's.

May 12

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the World War II Memorial.

In the afternoon, following a departure ceremony at Mariinsky Palace and tours of St. Andrew's Church and Kyievo-Pecherska Lavra monastery, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Camp David, MD, for the weekend.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 8

Leo K. Goto, of Colorado, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of 2 years (new position).

Patrick M. Ryan, of Oklahoma, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, vice Vicki Miles-LaGrange, resigned.

Submitted May 9

John P. White, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, vice John M. Deutch.

Submitted May 11

Karl N. Stauber, of Minnesota, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, vice Daniel A. Sumner, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released May 6

Transcript of remarks by Anthony Lake, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, to the Annual Interaction Forum on May 2